

We do not officially meet in January.
February 4th at 9 am in the Lions Building
March 3rd at 9 am in the Lions Building
April 7th at 9 am in the Lions Building
May 5th at 9 am in the Lions Building
Spring Members' General Meeting: May 26th at 10 am in the Lions Building
June: No meeting
July 7th at 9 am in the Lions Building
Annual General Meeting - August 4th at 10 am in the Community Centre

Ainslie is to invite the Mayor, Councillors and BRA Members to our meetings.

Draft Agenda Approved.

Policy Priorities Update 2011 - 2012 Listed with Contact's Name and in Members' order from AGM, September 3, 2011

- 1. Hold the Line on Taxes - Dave Nearingburg - No Report**
- 2. Village Main Street Renewal - Ainslie Willock:** Directors encourage Ainslie to keep meeting with Main Street owners and residents to present the Review Panel's Proposal for Main Street. Bayfield and Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC) has requested a formal meeting of Revitalization Committee to discuss Review Panel's Proposal. They will set a date once Bluewater Heritage Committee has a new formal chair. Agreed that Ainslie represent BRA at that meeting. And, that coming up with a plan to help resolve parking issues on key weekends needs to be part of the process.
- 3. Village Tree Renewal - Sondra Buchner:** Sondra updated us on 41 trees planted on Bayfield Terrace and on the Bayfield Tree Project's help with Clan Gregor Square tree plantings.
- 4. Municipal Facilities Review & Council Update - Paul Hill** - Paul let us know that there are ongoing discussions on how to limit costs and maximize use of existing municipal space.
- 5. By-law Enforcement - Susan Drew** - currently no requests for help.
- 6. New Library, Washrooms, Post Office and Archives - Ainslie Willock** - waiting for it to come back to Council. Our online membership vote, requested at our AGM, passed.

NEW POLICY: BRA Membership On-Vote - Public Library, Washrooms and Post Office - Monday, October 3, 2011 56 YES Votes 0 NO Votes

A resolution requesting that the Municipality of Bluewater be informed that the Bayfield Ratepayers Association generally supports the plans for the Village of Bayfield's Public Library, Washrooms and Post Office with the exception of the proposed paved driveway (north side of the Archives building) and parking lot (behind the new complex). We much prefer that the existing outdoor green wifi space be developed into the design as a "Library Outdoor Reading Room and Park." This will increase our ability to use the space and enhance the library's appeal to residents and visitors alike. Conserving the green space at the back would also protect existing trees, as the proposed plan would cut down trees for parking. We request that it be determined how the new building can incorporate existing trees into the plans. We recommend that a short term parking spot be incorporated into the design, at the front of the building, for government staff deliveries, pick-ups, and cleaning services and be made of eco-pavers, as grass grows through it.

We recognize the important contribution that the Post Office makes to the social atmosphere of the village, and strongly support efforts to retain it as part of the project. At the same time, the Village should not compromise its long term needs for this community building, for a post office (if more is required than the short term parking & loading spot referred to above) whose contract is up for renewal in 7 years, without some longer term commitment from Canada Post.

We recommend that the municipality examine "best practices" when selecting materials and designs to recognize rising energy costs.

The BRA supports and encourages the Municipality of Bluewater to continue holding public consultations to fully inform and engage all residents in the planning process.

7. **Water Quality/Blue Flag & Harbour/North Pier:** Ken Larone - water testing continues.
 8. **Integrating Bluewater Communities** - Sondra Buchner - Bluewater received 4 blooms again this year. There is a Heritage Tree Program for Bluewater
 9. Public Access to the Beach and Public Beach Safety: No report
 10. **Membership Renewal - Mike Gubesch & Sondra Buchner** - they're going to re-use an existing BRA brochure and have a blitz to encourage new members to join. A date will be determined to meet at Paul's after knocking on doors.
 11. **Planning - Alan Vihant** - no report
12. **Communication - Ken Larone** - we're very pleased that Ken has accepted the position and look forward to sharing news of interest with our members.

Issues of Note:

1. **MTO - Foodland Crossing - Sondra Buchner** - ongoing discussion with MTO
2. **MTO - Bluewater Highway North Access - Paul Hill**
3. **Industrial Wind Turbines - Ainslie Willock** - Ainslie will fax & e-mail out our position to the Premier and MPP's.

Bayfield Ratepayers Association's Policy #1: Industrial Wind Turbines - Passed September 3, 2011 AGM:

A resolution from the Bayfield Ratepayers Association requesting that the Province of Ontario adopt the World Health Organization's policy that Industrial Wind Turbines (IWTs) not be built within 1500 metres of homes including, the Village of Bayfield's Settlement Area. As the Village of Bayfield's beaches and views of the lake/sunsets are a public asset, that no IWTs be built to obstruct the full view and enjoyment of the lake and or sunsets.

Bayfield Ratepayers Association's Policy #2: Industrial Wind Turbines - Passed September 3, 2011 AGM:

A resolution from the Bayfield Ratepayers Association requesting that the Province of Ontario implement Central Huron County's June 6, 2011 IWTs resolution as stated below.

Central Huron County's June 6, 2011 IWTs Resolution - Passed:

A resolution requesting that the Province of Ontario declare a moratorium on the construction of Industrial Wind Turbines (IWT's) until science based and peer reviewed regulations that ensure public health and well being have been implemented and that the province restore local planning powers to the municipality regarding renewable energy projects.

[Huron County's policy on Wind Turbines as stated in their June 1, 2011 Minutes are:

MOTION: 130 – 11 Moved by: Councillor B. Barnim and Seconded by: Councillor B. Siemon: THAT: Huron County Council; agree to support a moratorium on the further development of industrial wind turbines in Huron County until more health studies are completed. CARRIED]

(Background: IWTs are also known as "windmills" but, IWT's are over 50 KW)

Meeting Adjourned

Signed off by Ainslie Willock, President